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**MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
July 18, 2017**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee was held on July 18, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Comm Rep Dressler (7:46), Henderson, Snyder, Wittkamp, Chairman Kinnane

Absent: Comm Rep S. Neel

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: President Kaplan, Commissioner K. Evans, Bickham, Kilbridge, Facilities Manager Albig, Superintendent Manisco, Digital Media Associate O'Brien, Xavier Vazquez and Matilda Vazquez

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Snyder made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments From the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Eagle Scout Project/M17-078:

Director Kies introduced Eagle Scout Xavier Vazquez from Troop 297. Xavier Vazquez gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project to create a Monarch Butterfly Garden at WRC. He explained that it would be a sanctuary for the Monarchs and that the preschool could release their butterflies in this garden in the hopes that they would continue to return there year after year. He explained that there would be a mulch path and bench near the front door with a tic tac toe game and the garden itself would be to the right and approximately 30-feet x 30-feet with a 4-foot mulch path through it and a bench there. He also explained that the garden would be registered with the North American Butterfly Association. Mr. Vazquez explained that they would be looking for volunteers to complete the project as well as donations of funds and/or materials.

Comm Rep Henderson asked if the plants would ensure that the Monarchs would come back and it was noted that they would. Mr. Vazquez also explained that they would most likely be seed and come up in the Spring.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if the plants would be specific to the Monarch's needs and it was noted that they would. Comm Rep Henderson asked about the soil for the plants and it was noted that Mr. Vazquez would be working with Supervisor of Horticulture Schwartz to make sure that the soil and plant requirements would be met.

Comm Rep Snyder asked if the bench would be wolmanized wood and anchored to the ground and it was noted that all specifics of the project would be reviewed by park district staff to make sure they met the district's requirements.

Commissioner R. Evans noted that it was a timely project and well presented. He asked if the district would receive anything for registering the garden and Mr. Vazquez explained that there would be a stand and/or plaque and they would be added to the Registry and recognized across the county.

President Kaplan asked if the district had to do anything to continue the registration. Staff will check. Commissioner Bickham asked about the fees and it was noted that they were one time.

Commissioner K. Evans asked about maintaining the garden and Director Kies explained that maintenance had already said they would maintain the area.

Director Talsma noted that IAPD was doing a program with the Monarch Butterflies and offered free plantings and information through the Garden Club of Illinois. He volunteered to forward the email to Mr. Vazquez.

Comm Rep Dressler noted that School District #15 also had their preschool producing Monarchs and suggested contacting them to use the garden for their release.

This memo was informational only and no vote was required.

B. Utilization of Space in former pro shop/M17-080:

Executive Director Bostrom noted that Jerry's pro shop had vacated the premises. Director Kies explained that Flores was going to take over selling the hockey incidentals that used to be sold in the pro shop and that staff was recommending the use of the space for camps, ELC & Preschool, Fitness classes and general programming.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the space had been returned to original and Director Kies noted that it had. He also explained that staff liked the shelving walls in the room.

Comm Rep Wittkamp made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the board approve the proposed plans to renovate the previous pro shop space at the Triphahn Center as outlined in M17-080. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Rec, Facility & Golf Report and 2Q Goals/M17-077:

Superintendent Manisco introduced Digital Media Associate O'Brien and Director Kies reviewed the report.

President Kaplan asked about blade sharpening for the ice skates and Director Kies noted that new technology had made the process easier. He also explained that the district would have to have a sharpening machine to keep their rental skates sharpened and would make that available during tournaments.

Commissioner Bickham asked about the 15 minute lead for SFAC members and Director Kies explained it was a perk offered to pass holders to secure chairs at the pool.

Director Bechtold reviewed his report noting that the first music night had 160 guests. He also noted that the next event would be August 10th. He shared with the committee that BPC has hosted the US Women's Amateur and that one of the staff had qualified. He also explained that the course had seen 5 ¾ inches of rain and it had not created any problems on the course.

Commissioner R. Evans asked how BPC had gotten the US Women's and Director Bechtold explained that each year he makes a request for a variety of Tournaments to be held at BPC.

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to send the Rec, Facilities & Golf Report and 2Q goals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner R. Evans noted that he had been by PSSWC to see how the renovation was doing and things were going well.

Comm Rep Snyder noted that he had played pickle ball and was surprised that many of the crowd were from Park Ridge.

Comm Rep Wittkamp asked about the Judo/Self Defense class and Director Kies noted that they were trying to develop different classes. He will connect with Comm Rep Wittkamp about bringing the program to 50+.

Comm Rep Henderson noted she had enjoyed the Park Tour.

Comm Rep Dressler thanked the district for their memorial tree planting program. She also said it had been a great 4th and that a young lady she knows that works at SFAC really enjoyed working for the district.

8. Adjournment:

Com Rep Wittkamp made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom, Secretary

Peg Kusmierski, Recording Secretary